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## 75-9-214 Benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service.

- (1) In this section, "benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service" means any benefit, program, or assistance provided under a statute or regulation, including social security, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- (2) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service authorizes the agent to:
  - (a) execute vouchers in the name of the principal for allowances and reimbursements payable by the United States or a foreign government or by a state or subdivision of a state to the principal, including allowances and reimbursements for transportation of the individuals described in Subsection 75-9-213(1)(a), and for shipment of their household effects;
  - (b) take possession and order the removal and shipment of property of the principal from a post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safekeeping, either governmental or private, and execute and deliver a release, voucher, receipt, bill of lading, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument for that purpose;
  - (c) enroll in, apply for, select, reject, change, amend, or discontinue, on the principal's behalf, a benefit or program;
  - (d) prepare, file, and maintain a claim of the principal for a benefit or assistance, financial or otherwise, to which the principal may be entitled under a statute or regulation;
  - (e) initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation concerning any benefit or assistance the principal may be entitled to receive under a statute or regulation; and
  - (f) receive the financial proceeds of a claim described in Subsection (2)(d) and conserve, invest, disburse, or use for a lawful purpose anything received.

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